"SEND WITHIN"



In Ethiopia, **Restore Hope** sends workers within their own people group to unreached villages. Restore Hope Ethiopia is an NGO for water development that partners with local churches to share the gospel where it has never been heard. These "sent within" workers live in community with those they hope to reach for the gospel. **They share Jesus without language or cultural barriers.** People in these villages, like Segni and his family, are hearing and responding to the gospel.

Segni is a nurse at the health center and a priest for the cultural religion of our area. This religion believes the spirit world controls our lives; if we please the spirits, we will prosper. But neglecting the spirit world or angering evil spirits will cause suffering. Segni made a good living as a priest, and he found great power in mediating between people and the spirit world. But one day, his wife, Meti, became sick. Neither the medicine he brought home from the clinic nor the pleas he made to the spirits could cure her. Meti grew increasingly worse, and Segni could see she was dying.

With nothing left to try, he carried her to the Word of Life church nearby and pleaded with them to save her. The pastor prayed for Meti's healing, and then he assigned church members to visit her home every day and pray over her. Slowly, Meti began to regain her strength and was finally brought to full healing. This physical healing was just the beginning. As Segni and his family witnessed God's power, they renounced spiritism and gave their lives to Jesus. Now, they faithfully serve God as active members of the church and bear witness to his saving power everywhere they go.

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